

1 JUDGE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT TACOMA
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10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } No. CR20-5244 BHS
11 Plaintiff, }
12 v. } DEFENSE STATEMENT ON PLEA OF
13 ELAINE MARIE THOMAS, } GUILTY
14 Defendant. }
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16 Elaine Thomas acknowledges that she committed the offense to which she pled
17 guilty. She took shortcuts and made material misrepresentations. She has now publically
18 owned those mistakes. Ms. Thomas never intended to compromise the integrity of any
19 material and is gratified that the government's testing does not suggest that the structural
20 integrity of any submarine was in fact compromised. This offense is unique in that it was
21 neither motivated by greed nor any desire for personal enrichment. She regrets that she
22 failed to follow her moral compass – admitting to false statements is hardly how she
envisioned living out her retirement years. While today is a difficult one for Ms. Thomas,
she remains a respected scientist and a valued member of our community. She is
committed to doing all that she can to strengthen that community through her continued
volunteer work.

23 DATED this 8th day of November, 2021.
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Respectfully submitted,

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s/ John R. Carpenter
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